

# Frequently Asked Questions

## MSc in Software Solutions Architecture (ONLINE)

### 1. What is Software Solutions Architecture?

An exciting part-time programme to give current and potential Software Architects the skills, theory and recognition they need to develop in their role. For the first time candidates can gain a full Masters of Science degree in this specialist area through a mixed learning process with an emphasis on practical application in the workplace.

### 2. Will it state in the diploma that this course is online?

The Diploma will state that the programme is a MSc in Applied IT Architecture. It will not state that it is online on the diploma.

### 3. When are lectures held?

Lectures are held on two evenings per week. In first year, the lecturers are normally Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 - 9.00 pm.

### 4. Are videos of Lectures available to students?

Videos of the lecture are available following the lecture. **IMPORTANT: Students are advised to attend the lectures.**

### 5. What is the fee?

Those working in a private or commercial semi state organisation can avail of the grant aided fee (subject to approval.) Fees are due in full prior to the course commencing each year. The fee for eligible candidates for 2023 is €2,195 per person, per annum

### 6. Can you pay in instalments?

It is possible to pay in instalments up until 5 days before the course is due to commence. All outstanding fees must be paid before the course starts.

### 7. Is there tax relief if so, can you claim back any tax?

Regarding the tax relief, I believe that you may apply for a tax relief however it is the responsibility of each applicant to contact the tax office regarding this. We can provide a receipt for fees paid if needed.

### 8. How many on-campus days are there per semester?

Online programme with 2 days per semester in TU Dublin - Tallaght campus

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### 9. What is the duration of the Programme?

The duration is as follows:

Semester 1 - Jan - May 2023

Semester 2 - Sep - Dec 2023

Semester 3 - Jan - May 2024

Dissertation - May 2024 - Sep/Dec/ 2024. [dependent on the student]

### 10. For applicants, whose first language is not English are they required to provide evidence of English language proficiency?

Yes, follow the link for further information.

<https://www.tudublin.ie/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements/>

### 11. What are the career opportunities?

Graduates of the programme develop knowledge, skills and attributes around human dynamics, business, technology and strategy, IT Architecture, IT Quality Attributes and Environments which will support them in roles as IT Architects. The programme also equips them to carry out applied research in topics at the cutting edge in this field.

### 12. Who should attend

The aim of this programme is to produce graduates in the field of Applied Information Technology Architecture with a systematic knowledge of the key issues and technologies in the field.

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#### Previous attendees include:

Software developers, IT architects, systems developers, front-end developers, systems analysts etc.

### 13. Is it technology agnostic or does it focus on any particular software and if so – how many modules would be focused on specific products/software/languages?

The intention is that the M.Sc. is to be technology agnostic. Where concepts are best illustrated with examples, a variety of vendors or technology stacks are typically considered. Individual lecturers may draw on their own particular experience of a technology to illustrate a concept. Students can explore differing solutions as part of their course work.

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**14. Does the IASA might give accreditation to people who complete the course and what accreditation level?**

Yes, TU Dublin have worked closely with IASA right from the beginning of the course and they recognise the course and award graduates with the Associate level IASA recognition (CITA-A)